

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 24-46 and 71-95 are pending in the application. Claims 1-23 and 47-70 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

At pages 2-3 of the Action, dated May 3, 2005, the Examiner discusses a restriction requirement. Applicant hereby elects Group II, claims 24-46 and 71-95 with traverse. The traversal is based on the fact that examination of all the claims would not be a burden on the Office despite their possible disparate classification(s). Nevertheless, as noted above, claims 1-23 and 47-70 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant is investigating inventorship to determine whether such should be amended in light of the cancelled claims. A timely Petition to change inventorship will be made if it is determined necessary.

The abstract is amended to more accurately summarize the claimed invention.

Other than as explicitly set forth above, this reply does not include acquiescence to statements, assertions, assumptions, conclusions, or combination thereof in the Office Action. In view of the above, all the claims are considered patentable and allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned (at direct line 512-394-0118) for prompt action in the event any issues remain that prevent the allowance of any pending claims.

No fee is due for filing this Reply because it is being filed with the shortened statutory period for response as set in the Office Action dated May 3, 2005.

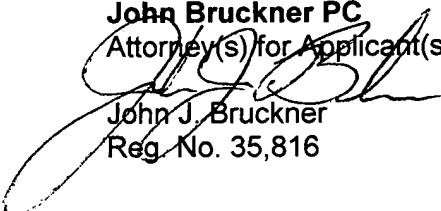
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